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Today's Topics:

 Closed repeaters (2 msgs)
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 RESULT: rec.radio.info passes 215:51

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Subject: Closed repeaters
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

> Gee, Steve, my omni works just great on 1280 for repeater use, as does
> everyone else's here in the SF Bay Area.

It was an exaggeration, like everything else that's been posted on
this topic :-). Remember, I said it was flame bait.

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To clarify, my post was semi-serious, and semi-facetious. I

overstated a few things, like saying that 1200 was so completely different from the lower bands that nothing would work on it. I just thought it was fun to see how far I could take the analogy before it broke down completely, as all of them do. And Mr. Maynard, in his capacity as Guardian of the Closed Repeaters ;-), then of course had to do me the courtesy of breaking it down for me :-). Perhaps I didn't include enough smiley faces in the first post.

-Steve

Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1993 03:09:52 GMT
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To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:

: [Followups to .policy...]

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: In article <1993Jan5.195950.5210@porthos.cc.bellcore.com>

mdc@vixen.cc.bellcore.com (marden,david c) writes:

: >I feel that if at all possible the repeater coordinator(s) should

: >reassign the pair in cases like this. Maybe the FCC should delegate

: >the power to do this??

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: No coordinator would do so, for the simple reason that he'd get his ass sued

: off. On what basis do you decide that that club gets kicked off the frequency?

: Can you defend it in court? Can you even afford to defend it in court? You're

: asking the coordinator to make a value judgment, and that way lie lawsuits.

Several years ago a Florida coordinating council decided that there would be no more closed repeaters on 2meters as the band was full. Those repeaters that did not operate in the "open" mode were subject to having to share with an active open repeater. A closed repeater group that had to share took their case of harmful interference to the commission. The closed repeater won its case. The florida coordinating council had to find an other pair for the new open repeater.

It might do some good to read the report and orders that accompany all new rules that are a part of 97. There is some good analysis of why and intent.

Just what is the difference between open and closed repeaters anyway?

I have heard more closed minds on open repeaters than closed repeaters.

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FINAL VOTE ACK AND VOTE TALLY

The vote for creation of rec.readio.info passed, with 215 votes in favour (QSL), and 51 votes against (QRT) for a total of 266 unique ballots, when the voting ceased on Wednesday, December 23, 1992 at 2359 UTC.

This meets or exceeds the requirements that more than 100 yes votes be received than no votes, and that greater than 2/3 of the total votes are in favor of the new newsgroup.

Next is a 7-day cooling off period for any objections to be raised. Barring any meaningful objections, the new newsgroup will be created. As the moderator for news.announce.newgroups is going on vacation, I can not guess as to the creation date of this new group, but I will be taking submissions starting the official creation date to the address rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca, with administrative requests at rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca. I invite the moderator team members to begin cross-posting of their bulletins on that date.

Thanks to all who voted! Democracy, I *love* it! I do hope the people that voted no have no hard feelings, and will definitely try to address some of their comments included in their ballots.

The following votes were received by the close of voting, Wednesday, December 23, 1992 at 2359 UTC (5:59 PM Central Standard Time). The list starts with the 215 QSL or Create rec.radio.info votes, followed by the 51 QRT or Do NOT Create rec.radio.info votes. The votes were tallied courtesy Paul W Schleck pschleck@cwis.unomaha.edu.

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rec.radio.info (moderated)

/usr/lib/news/newsgroups entry:

rec.radio.info Informational postings related to radio.

Charter:

To provide high quality, informational postings about radio. This group will take cross-postings, or moderated postings from the regular discussion streams to alleviate the traffic, over expensive links, in these groups by allowing the news transfer mechanism to drop articles cross posted to rec.radio.info. Postings in the entire rec.radio.* heirarchy that the moderators deem as informational, however, are likely candidates for cross posting or re-posting. Also by placing the informational postings in this group, make it easier for many to find radio related information.

By maintaining a high level of quality in the postings, it is hoped that these postings may end up, at least more conveniently, in various archive sites, or possibly over the Amateur Radio Packet BBS network as well.

By using a self-moderator scheme, the hopes are that many of the postings will maintain timeliness, and good propagation through the computer networks.

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Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

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Subject : Re: Closed repeaters

In article <1993Jan5.231300.22346@ke4zv.uucp> gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman) writes:

>Sorry, coordinators have no legal right to make this promise to keep
>everyone else away. They are forbidden by 97.101(b) from granting
>exclusive use to any one station. The doctrine of nullification says
>that private agreements have no legal force if they are in contravention
>of law. Since a promise of exclusive use is a violation of 97.101(b),
>it has no force.

If this is the case, then why does the FCC recognize frequency coordination at all?

I ask again: are you willing to pay to defend coordinators from the lawsuits that acceding to your demands will generate?

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
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"Science is all in the public domain, and allows few secrets."

-- Tom Clancy, _The Sum of All Fears_

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In article <1id4laINNqlq@transfer.stratus.com> leadfoot@bigbootay.sw.stratus.com (Mark Curtis) writes:

>Because YOU'RE wasting everyone else's time, and access just so that you
>don't have to be bothered to do what everyone else does, share the road.
>You don't want to be bothered with the problems of sharing so you squat
>down and claim that lane is your private lane. You don't own the lane,
>it's public property built and paid for with public tax money. All you
>own is the car. Your 30k wheels will not impress me, the cops, or the
>tow truck driver.

I (generic repeater trustee) followed all the procedures in place to get a frequency pair to put my repeater on. I agreed to use a particular fixed frequency, to follow limits on height and effective radiated power, and to keep out of everyone else's way. Once upon a time, that was good enough. Now you're telling me that it isn't.

Do you like having the rules of the game changed on you midway through the third quarter? Why are you doing it to repeater trustees?

>Hello McFly! Knock Knock, anyone home in there. Thats what they make
>curb parking spaces for. How dim can you be?

The analogy only stretches so far before it snaps... In this case, a curb parking space is useless: the repeater is only useful if it is on a fixed frequency, else you can't find it. It's going to sit there in the lane, like it or not.

>Tough! Thats life in the real world. This is ham radio not a private
>common carrier. Sharing, interference, and waiting are all part of
>ham radio. You're using the wrong radio service if you think you own
>any frequency. Get a business frequency license if you want a frequency
>all to yourself, in the ham radio service you have to share.

Life in your ideal communistic real world where everyone is supposed to be working for the good of all, maybe. Why should you want to use the frequency if you're not interested in using my repeater? I've never heard an answer to that one...

>|> [BBQ grill analogy posted for the second time deleted]
>Deleted because you can't come up with anything to counter it.

No, deleted because I was about to shoot it down:

>|> A barbecue grill doesn't lose its utility if you pick it up and move it. A
>|> repeater does.

Like that.

>You don't have to move it, just turn it off when you're done talking and
>quit crying about having to share. Everyone has to share the frequencies
>in ham radio.

Right...and if I turn it off, and someone else turns on an open repeater that
doesn't quiet down until 3 AM, does that mean that I can now only use my
repeater in the wee hours of the morning? NOT!

>The repeater coordinator didn't own the frequencies either. He didn't
>have to right to "give it to you" in the first place. Good thing he
>wasn't selling land he didn't own, the courts love people who do that.

The coordinator's end of the coordination agreement was that he wouldn't
coordinate other interfering repeaters on my channel without my consent.
He's upholding that agreement.

>|> If I were to follow your words, then someone who doesn't like me or my
>|> repeater can force me to keep it off the air, thus depriving me of the use of
>|> it. Is that fair?
>Get a business license if you can't handle sharing. Didn't your parents
>teach you anything about getting along in the real world? Sharing is
>like saying please, it gets you a long ways for very little.

How about answering my question? You're compelling me to share with someone
who's against the way I run my box, and he can effectively force me off the
air. That's sharing? That's theft!

>No they don't. The coordinator doesn't doesn't have the right to give
>them to anyone. He doesn't own them either. He is just a self
>appointed person who tries to keep the various repeaters out of each
>others hair. Something cooked up by the repeater owners to serve them-
>selves. You may have volunteered to go along with it, but I didn't.
>Only the FCC can assign frequencies to stations, something they
>refuse to do in the ham radio service. Sharing is part of the deal.

Not in Texas. The coordinators are selected by an organization open to the
entire ham community. If hams in Texas don't like the way it's being done,
they can vote the bastards out.

If the FCC refuses to assign frequencies in the ham service, then why do they
recognize coordinators at all?

>144/220/450 are all filled here. 1280 is doing real well too! Scanning
>around on 450 is like looking for water in the desert. There may be a
>little chatter here and there, but most of the repeaters are dead quiet.

Tough. They got there first, way back when they were told to put there closed
boxes on 440 in the first place. They did what they were told. Now you want to

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Subject : Re: Closed repeaters

In article <POPOVICH.93Jan5220506@morningside.cs.columbia.edu>

popovich@cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:

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>Interstate highway, while the next road over is an ungraded cow path

>that only certain premium-priced four-wheel drive vehicles can use

>productively. To be more exact:

The Interstate I'm on was just an ungraded cow path when I first got here,
too; I've put a lot of time and money in paving. In fact, I was chased off the
next Interstate over because they told me there wasn't room. Now that I've
paved it, others want to come in and take it away from me.

>And finally, 1200 is a rough, undeveloped dirt track in

>the country with no gas stations, restaurants or support services of

>any kind, requiring a special, premium sort of 4x4 called a Gunplexer

>in order to make use of it.

Tell that to my Standard C628A 440/1200 dual band handheld.

As for no gas stations, when I got on my little piece of road way back when, I
didn't have those, either. I worked long and hard to build all that. Now
someone wants to take away all my hard work.

>It'll break an axle on any ordinary sedan

>(RF circuitry) that tries to roll over it and go somewhere :-). And

>face it, your standard mobile repeater user isn't going to be able to

>stick a microwave dish on the roof of his car, aim it at the repeater

>he wants to use, and keep it aimed while he's driving around. Any

>frequency where your transmission line is a waveguide just isn't going

>to work for mobile use.

1200 isn't that hard. There are mobile rigs, and coax, and gain omni antennas, that work just fine, and are even available from amateur sources.

>Yes, it's a lot of fun to create analogies, but why would anybody
>think that it could possibly do us any good to do this?

Beats me. I'm just shooting them down.

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Subject : Re: Closed repeaters

In article <1993Jan6.003309.21734@elroy.jpl.nasa.gov> laborde@oak.Jpl.Nasa.Gov
(Gregory R. LaBorde) writes:

>I believe you are incorrect. I understand that they are arguing that they have
>the right to use the frequencies on which closed repeaters operate, provided
>they abide by the regulations which govern amateur radio (ie no interference,
>etc.). If they choose to disobey those regulations, then they are in the wrong
>regardless of whether or not they are using such frequencies.

...but they're demanding exactly the right to use the frequency and keep the
closed repeater off of it!

>Again, I think you are incorrect because I think that what you call "open
>repeater partisans" are actually saying that closed repeater operators SHOULD
>incorporate such protections to prevent unwanted use of their equipment.

Right. Then they want to use the frequency anyway, and want the closed
repeater to stay the hell off of their frequency while they're talking. This
is open to problems:

>>...and so the person gets on the output and keeps Jim from using the repeater
>>anyway, according to the arguments of the open repeater partisans. After all,
>>he doesn't own the frequency, right? Bah!

>Unpleasant to you, apparently, but true. However, what is the likelihood that
>someone will fillibuster endlessly on Jim's output and render his repeater

>unusable for all time?

A filibusterer can make the repeater effectively unusable, simply by talking at the times that the regular users would be using it. He doesn't have to talk for all time.

Fortunately, the FCC doesn't see it that way.

>As was pointed out countless times in previous posts,
>the simplex user is frequency agile while the repeater is not. When the
>repeater comes up for use, the polite and decent thing is for the simplexers
>to move to another frequency. They don't HAVE to, and that is the point of
>the argument. If they don't, then they are jerks and possibly jammers, so
>a rule requiring them to do so would have little effect anyway.

That's my contention: the people who would use the frequency that the closed repeater is on ARE jerks and jammers.

>Would a rule giving closed repeaters exclusive rights to a frequency have
>prevented this? A blanket party would likely be more effective. Laws would just
>waste Jim's time in fruitless court battles.

It might have convinced the folks who are skeptical about the real meaning of 97.205(e) that it means exactly what it says: that limiting the use of a repeater to certain user stations IS acceptable.

>Yes, and Jim sure sounds like a hell of a nice guy. Too bad there are so many
>more "experienced" amateurs around here that do not share his enlightenment.

I can only argue from what I have experienced here, on the repeaters I frequent.

>The fact is, even here in LA where the UHF/VHF is arguably the most crowded in
>the world, I have no problem making the contacts I want to on open repeaters.
>Many "private" repeaters here are "friendly" and welcome users as long as they
>do not abuse the system. Other friends of mine with closed systems are happy to
>let me use them, since when I do so it is usually to contact them anyway. Closed
>systems like Cactus are in heavy use, so I have no complaints that they are
>closed. Hey, if I want to use such sophisticated hardware, why shouldn't I
>contribute to its upkeep and expansion?

Unfortunately, the measures that you and the open repeater partisans are arguing would prevent this as well. Cactus, for example, would become a thing of history - after all, how am I to know when I key a repeater in Houston that I'm interfering with a guy in LA?

>There are, unfortunately, a large number
>of closed systems in LA that are not utilized. These systems seem to exist

>solely as security blankets for their owners/users who get a sense of safety
>from knowing that they would not have to wait to use the machine if they wanted
>to. Not that they seem to ever want to.

How do you know that's what they're there for? More importantly, what gives you (or the frequency coordinator, as some are demanding) the right to make the value judgment that they don't deserve the same interference-free operation as other repeaters get?

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Subject : Re: 430mhz band under th

[Followups to .policy.]

In article <1993Jan6.014748.12730@rock.concert.net> cole@concert.net (Derrick C. Cole) writes:

>What is a closed repeater good for, anyway? I've already passed the tests
>required to use the frequency, by what right do you impose further
>requirements/restrictions as to it's use by me? I've got some news for you:
>The FCC you ain't. To be honest, if ham radio is based upon openness, "good
>will", etc, I'm suprised the FCC allows such tripe.

The FCC allows it, tripe or not. You'll just have to get used to the idea.

>I am thankful that there are trustees/clubs/owners/whatever who have the money
>to put up repeaters, as long as they're open (I've supported several.) But
>the minute they go closed, I'm gone. If you want a closed repeater, get a
>commercial license and sell connections. Or better yet, get a car phone. The
>rest of us sure could use the bandwidth.

I guess, then, that you don't think that complex systems that require some user education to use properly, or at all, should take steps to prevent folks from just coming on at random and punching buttons? You would require linked systems stretching from Houston to San Francisco to put up with inane jabber from every ham in between? I'm glad the FCC doesn't agree with you.

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Subject : Re: Closed repeaters

In article <POPOVICH.93Jan6150922@morningside.cs.columbia.edu>
popovich@cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:
>And Mr. Maynard, in his
>capacity as Guardian of the Closed Repeaters ;-), then of course had
>to do me the courtesy of breaking it down for me :-).

Hey...it's a dirty job, but somebody's gotta do it... :-)

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Reply-To : gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman)
Subject : Re: Closed repeaters

In article <8359@lib.tmc.edu> jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:
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>Tough. They got there first, way back when they were told to put there closed
>boxes on 440 in the first place. They did what they were told. Now you want to
>take it all away from them.

Seniority only counts in union shops Jay. Everyone else has to justify their existence every day.

Gary

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writes:

>>Sorry, coordinators have no legal right to make this promise to keep
>>everyone else away. They are forbidden by 97.101(b) from granting
>>exclusive use to any one station. The doctrine of nullification says
>>that private agreements have no legal force if they are in contravention
>>of law. Since a promise of exclusive use is a violation of 97.101(b),
>>it has no force.

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>If this is the case, then why does the FCC recognize frequency coordination at
>all?

The FCC accepts voluntary coordination as evidence that the repeater owner showed willingness to cooperate with other repeater owners in *sharing* the spectrum at one time. They don't see it as prima facia evidence that one amateur has ownership rights in a given frequency.

>I ask again: are you willing to pay to defend coordinators from the lawsuits
>that acceding to your demands will generate?

Coordinators have *no* legal standing to grant exclusive use of frequencies. If they wish to *presume* that responsibility in contravention of 97.101(b), then I'd be willing to support those who *sue them* to stop such illegal actions. Fortunately, most responsible coordinators *know* they don't

have that legal right, and don't take actions that could be subject to suit. Instead they act as advisers and negotiators between repeater owners attempting to minimize mutual interference.

My open 440 repeater is a coordinated repeater, "blessed" by SERA. But SERA also "blessed" a link between a two meter repeater's split receive and transmit sites ON MY REPEATER'S INPUT FREQUENCY. SERA failed to rescind either coordination, and the 2 meter repeater owner refused to move his link onto a link frequency even though I offered to pay any costs involved. I briefly considered going upside down and putting my EME amp on the repeater, but a quick call from a friend who is co-channel with my machine in North Carolina persuaded me that was no answer. I then considered a bit of plastique, but again better sense prevailed. I finally just put CTCSS on the repeater and published the frequency. Works like a charm, and no more kerchunks from Macon 2 meter operators in the middle of the night. In fact, the repeater works better now than it did before because the CTCSS tracks weak mobiles into the noise better than any COR squelch setting that would work in the high intermod of downtown Atlanta. The repeater now only repeats those who *want* to be repeated. Users simplex on the output, or on the input with CTCSS turned off, are no problem. We get an occasional heterodyne on weak users, but we can live with that. Usually we tell them to buy an amp. :-)

Gary

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>I (generic repeater trustee) followed all the procedures in place to get a
>frequency pair to put my repeater on. I agreed to use a particular fixed
>frequency, to follow limits on height and effective radiated power, and to
>keep out of everyone else's way. Once upon a time, that was good enough. Now

>you're telling me that it isn't.

I built this metal plating factory according to all the rules and carefully routed my waste lines out to the leach field as instructed by the health inspector. Now you're telling me I have to install pollution controls AT MY EXPENSE in order to control the discharge of heavy metals and 1,1,1 TCE? And I have to dig up all the old stuff AT MY EXPENSE and truck it to a hazardous waste facility?

THAT's NOT FAIR. You're changing the rules in mid-stream.

The rules of life change, Jay. You can't squat in one place and remain, particularly when you're squatting on a public resource.

John

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No you're not. You built your freeway at your own expense on PUBLIC property and then you whined when the public decided the land had better uses. You, of course, knew the ground rules going in and therefore have no basis for complaint. Other than you just bitch a lot.

A concrete example. My great-uncle built a cabin on national forest land under a 99 year lease. That lease runs out in a few years and the Forestry Service has decided not to renew. Guess what? The cabin is gone when the lease runs out. He knew those ground-rules going in and decided the short term benefits were worth the long term risk.

Same with repeaters on the amateur bands, Jay. You can build an electronic castle on top of the publicly owned sand foundation if you like. Just don't be surprised when the public washes that foundation away one day.

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